

The Pappas plan to give away hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of airtime to Republican candidates is another example of a large media group abusing its access to the public airwaves. Local audiences are not served by this.

Media ownership rules need to be strengthened, not weakened. This action on the part of Pappas is also a good illustration of why the license renewal process needs to be more rigorous than simply returning a postcard.

Recent actions by Sinclair and Pappas make abundantly clear the problems that have come out of government policies which encourage media concentration. It has weakened our democracy.